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COMPUTER METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ANALYZING AND DISPLAYING INFORMATION RELATING TO GENE EXPRESSION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2001, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and requisite fee, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 23, and 24, as follows:

2 (Amended) A method in a computer system for analyzing an displaying data on gene expression in a molecular topography, comprising: